

REMARKS

Claim Rejections

Claims 10-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kotikovsky et al. (U.S. 5,037,135).

Drawings

It is noted that no Patent Drawing Review (Form PTO-948) was received with the outstanding Office Action. Thus, Applicant must assume that the drawings are acceptable as filed.

Claim Amendments

By this Amendment, Applicant has amended claim 10. It is believed that amended claim 10 specifically set forth each element of Applicant's invention in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, and define subject matter that is patentably distinguishable over the cited prior art.

Kotikovsky et al. discloses a limited rotation webbing guide including a D-ring (30) with a metal insert (36), a mounting bolt (32) having a D-shaped shank portion (80), and a bracket (34) having an opening (108) having a forward stop surface (100) and a rearward stop surface (102). The D-ring (30) is connected to the bracket (34) by the bolts (32), wherein the D-shaped shank portion (80) of the bolts is inserted into the opening (108) of the bracket (34).

Kotikovsky et al. do not teach a key cap (11) having a lower surface provided with first guiding parts; a base plate (10) having second guiding parts positioned to correspond to the first guiding parts; a key support (12) coupled to the first guiding parts and the second guiding parts; nor do Kotikovsky et al. teach the key support comprising a first bar (121a) and a second bar (121b) pivotally engaged with the first bar.

It is axiomatic in U.S. patent law that, in order for a reference to anticipate a claimed structure, it must clearly disclose each and every feature of the claimed structure. Applicant submits that it is abundantly clear that Kotikovsky et al. do not disclose each and every feature of Applicant's amended claim and, therefore, could not possibly anticipate these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Specifically, Kotikovsky et al. do not disclose a key cap having a lower surface provided with first guiding parts; a base plate having second guiding parts positioned to correspond to the first guiding parts; a key support coupled to the first guiding parts and the second guiding parts; nor do Kotikovsky et al. teach the key support comprising a first bar and a second bar pivotally engaged with the first bar. Absent a specific showing of these features, Kotikovsky et al. cannot be said to anticipate any of Applicant's amended claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

It is further submitted that Kotikovsky et al. do not disclose, or suggest any modification of their specifically disclosed structure that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at Applicant's claimed structure. Thus, it is not believed that Kotikovsky et al. renders obvious any of Applicant's amended claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

Summary

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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